

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) In a fuel cell separator having a central part and a peripheral part, said peripheral part defining a reaction gas passage provided in a peripheral part gas passages for guiding reaction gases and a reaction product passage for guiding a reaction product, reaction gases being guided from the reaction gas passages to ~~a~~ the central part and reaction product produced at the central part being guided to the reaction product passage,

~~a fuel cell separator characterized in that~~ wherein the central part is made from a metal member and the peripheral part is made from a resin member and ~~this said~~ resin member is being connected to the metal member by an elastic member.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The fuel cell separator according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a projecting central seal part surrounding the central part is provided ~~on~~ by the elastic member.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The fuel cell separator according to claim 1, wherein ~~or claim 2, characterized in that~~ the peripheral part includes projecting passage seal parts severally surrounding that surround the reaction gas passages and the reaction product

passage are ~~provided on the peripheral part.~~

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The fuel cell separator according to claim 2, characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the elastic member and the central seal part are formed integrally from a rubber material.

5. (New) The fuel cell separator according to claim 2, wherein the peripheral part includes projecting passage seal parts that surround the reaction gas passages and the reaction product passage .